

## **Indianapolis Mayor's Bike Advisory Council Minutes**

**February 18, 2014**

Those present: Karen Doe, Ben Jackson, Joan Cook, Stacie Hurre, Frank Merritt, Carole Terry, Matt Grimes, Kevin Whited, Pete Fritz, Jamison Hutchins, Jeremy Moore, Alan Rainey, Mark Zwayer, Colleen McCormick, Connie Szabo Schmucker, Nathan Smurdon, Tammy Mebane, John Hanley and Guest Speaker John Neal

Meeting called to order at 3:03pm.

First order of business was the approval of the January minutes. Motion to approve by Alan Rainey and seconded by Kevin Whited. Minutes for January were approved.

### **Project Updates**

Jamison Hutchins, Bike/Ped Coordinator for the City of Indianapolis, gave a brief update on transportation projects that impact cyclists. This update, which was sent out with the February agenda, will be included as an addendum to these minutes.

Also, the location and types of counters for trails and bike lanes were discussed with Jamison. There will also be some counters put in by the Rails to Trails Conservancy around Indianapolis as it is a study area for the Trail Modeling and Assessment Platform (T-Map) as data collection is one of the three components of the proposed platform. There was also discussion about whether or not a map can be produced of where all the counters are for the City. Jamison will make the ask for this.

As introductions were not done at the beginning of the meeting, IMBAC Chair Connie Szabo Schmucker took time to do around the room introductions.

### **Keystone/Fall Creek Bridge**

Next, the communication breakdown on the Fall Creek Trail being closed at Keystone Avenue was discussed. The committee had no knowledge that this major transportation corridor would be closed for a proposed 15 months before the press release about the closures went out to the general public. It was discussed how the committee can get involved in this process at a much earlier point. The committee feels that they should be take a more active role in selecting alternate routes, working with the City/contractor and opening the corridor as soon as possible while still maintaining the safety of the trail users, etc. The engineering committee will work on protocol for the types of projects that they feel IMBAC should be involved in, the role of the engineering committee in that process, and work with the City to establish protocol for notification. As a side note it was discussed that after the City became aware that there was real concern about the length of time of the closure, the safety of trail users in respect to the alternate route, etc. – the trail may now reopen in November of 2014 and the City is looking into how they can make the alternate route safer (share the road markings, possible temporary protection, etc.) Jamison and the Engineering Committee will report back to this group in March. Connie Szabo Schmucker will draft a letter to City about wanting the IMBAC to take a more active role in advising the City on infrastructure projects that affect bicyclists.

## Indy Rezone Presentation

John Neal, City of Indianapolis, gave an overview to the IMBAC on Indy Rezone and the history of the project to date. This project is possible through a grant from HUD (Sustainable Communities) He next explained the make-up of the steering committee who is overseeing the project as a cross section of city employees, organizations who can lend expertise to the project, stakeholders, etc. Mr. Neal explained that the Zoning and Development regulations had last been overhauled in the 1970's; He talked about the proposed changes that would affect bicyclists. They are as follows:

### Subdivision Control Ordinance:

1. Require bicycle lanes on all collector streets within a subdivision
2. When there is an adjacent subdivision to a new subdivision being built there needs to be a connector between them.
3. If the new subdivision has over 100 units, there must be some type of bicycle provisions.

### Development Standards:

1. Required bicycle parking for 20 categories of uses on new construction which includes schools, offices, etc.
2. These new requirements would require a minimum of three spaces up to 10% of the regular off street automobile parking required for some uses.
3. Some more intense uses will require enclosed bike parking and that parking is located in a strategic location on the site. Also there would have to be required access to this also.

The new ordinance sets out different criteria for development as it relates to urban vs. suburban areas.

These changes are for all new development going forward, it is not retroactive.

Pete Fritz, explained that there is a demolition clause that states that infill development would have to comply with the new standards,

Mr. Neal explained that that they were almost done with the first Integrated Working Draft. This draft is approaching 650 pages with 1,600 foot notes on changes from the current ordinance. There are 2 steps coming up:

1. Share with Steering Committee
2. Share with Task Forces before going to the public

There will be two sets of public meetings, one to introduce the public to the draft stage for comment and one set for the adoption stage of the final draft.

After that the proposed draft would go to the public (hopefully around the end of March).

The final steps will include the draft passing the:

1. Metropolitan Development Commission
2. Full City County Council

It is hoped that this will happen around the first of June 2014.

Connie Szabo Schmucker as how IMBAC could support the adoption of these new standards and Mr. Neal stated that a Letter of Support would be very helpful when appropriate.

### **Upcoming Events**

Bike to Work Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of May

National Bike Summit –Jamison Hutchins, Kevin Whited, Connie Szabo Schmucker and Carole Terry will be attending

National Bike Challenge-May, more to come on this at the March Meeting after the national summit

Bicycle Indiana Conference-April 25-26 in Bloomington, right now Pete Fritz and Stacie Hurrele are attending

Cyclofemme-Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 330pm (Mother's Day)-Kevin Whited suggested this be a bike week event

Cycle Schmooze-Afternoon of Bike to Work day (Cycloplex) this will be a networking event

IMBA event-May 15-18<sup>th</sup>, classes and training sponsored by Subaru for trail building, maintenance, etc.

### **Committee Reports**

*Education/Encouragement Committee*-Stacie Hurrele will be doing a webinar on Bicycle Safety Education. No Trendy Minds update at present time.

*Engineering Committee*-A few members of this committee attended a meeting on the proposed bicycle boulevard in King Park. The neighborhood organization is working with Green 3 and the City. Jamison also gave some background on the project

There is also an upcoming meeting on the Quality of Life Plan for the Northeast Corridor that has bicycling elements. Connie Szabo Schmucker indicated she would be attended as the IMBAC representative.

The MPO and IndyGo working on Coordination of Bike Share/Bike Parking and the proposed Bus Rapid Transit. Car Share also needs to be coordinated but discussions cannot begin until contracts finished up per Jeremiah Shirk of DPW.

*Evaluation Committee*-Bicycle counts were discussed in relation to a Class at Butler trying to pull information together from four different pools of data. More information to come. Joan Cook brought up that the National Bike and Pedestrian Documentation Project is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and asked everyone to push out save the dates.

*Equity*-No report

*Enforcement-* Kevin Whited informed IMBAC that the stolen bike registry was now up and running. He encouraged everyone to register their bike before it gets stolen on the site. This was echoed by Matt Grimes of IMPD. Connie Szabo Schmucker explained that if you purchased your bike through a bike shop, most of them keep a file with your bike serial number if you need to get the information. The link to the registry is: <https://www.indycog.org/stolenbikes/>

After the committee reports, the meeting concluded at 4:16pm.